



SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR REBATE

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a Soil Moisture Sensor



REBATE FOR SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR

The majority of irrigation systems use manually programmed clock timers, where the homeowner, building owner, or irrigation professional is responsible for scheduling watering events and times. Because schedules are often set to water at the height of the growing season, and might not be adjusted to reflect the seasonal or changes in plant watering needs, an irrigation system could be watering in January as if it were July. Similarly, manually programmed clock timers don't adjust for recent weather events, so systems without sensor technologies will water regardless of whether it has just rained.

Soil moisture-based control technologies water plants based on their needs by measuring the amount of moisture in the soil and tailoring irrigation schedules accordingly. Studies suggest that soil moisture sensors can result in water savings of at least 20 percent, potentially saving millions of gallons of water across the country. (source: EPA WaterSense)

As an alternative to convention irrigation controllers, soil moisture-based control technologies make irrigation schedule adjustments by automatically tailoring the amount of irrigation events based on the moisture content of the soil in the landscape.

APPLICATIONS: City of Fresno Water Conservation Program: 621-5480; email: waterconservation@fresno.gov
or click on \$Rebates at www.fresno.gov/water

REBATE PROCESS

1. Do not purchase your Soil Moisture Sensor until you have verified that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.
2. Request an audit of your irrigation system by the City of Fresno prior to purchasing the rebate item.
3. Receive approval from the City of Fresno.
4. If your system is approved, purchase unit and submit application along with a copy of the purchase receipt along your recent Fresno City utility bill.
5. You will be notified if a second inspection is required.
6. Rebate will be mailed 6-9 weeks after application approval.
7. Program applies to Soil Moisture Sensors purchased after 5/1/15.

IMPORTANT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

A pre-inspection of your irrigation system is required.

- Site must have an efficient, well maintained in-ground irrigation system compatible with a smart controller. (e.g., no line breaks, pressure issues, etc.)
- Site must have a fully operational conventional controller(s).
- All valves must be fully operational at the time of the pre-installation survey.
- Soil Moisture Sensor systems must include a sensor and a calibrator (usually packaged together in the same device).

Soil Moisture Sensor System Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

Requirements

- See Important Minimum Requirements on previous page.
- All projects must be completed within 120 days of City-designated start date.

Who Qualifies:

- Rebate available to City of Fresno water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Fresno Water Division where a tenant is the water customer.
- Limit one rebate per following qualified account: PUD's, HOA's, mobile homes, condos/townhouses or any other shared billing accounts also qualify as individual units and may receive rebate. Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system. Multi-Family complexes also may qualify. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.
- New construction does not qualify.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Rebate cannot be larger than your reserved amount of \$50.
- Soil Moisture Sensor System must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Fresno water utility bill account.
- Limited one rebate per account.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- By submitting this application you are agreeing to a verification inspection to be eligible for rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Guidelines and Conditions.
- Accounts must be current and non-delinquent.
- This Rebate is available 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.

Rebates:

- Rebate amount is \$50.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebate may not exceed the cost of the rebate offer.
- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. *This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or the vendor is provided.
- Rebate checks will be mailed 6-9 weeks after completing the rebate process.



SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR REBATE

ATTENTION: A pre-inspection by the City of Fresno of your in-ground irrigation system is required. Do not purchase your Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate until you have verified that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.

Mail to: City of Fresno, Water conservation, Lawn to Garden Rebate, 1910 E University, Fresno, CA 93703.
Phone: (559) 621-5480 – fax (559) 498-4228, Email: waterconservation@fresno.gov, Website: www.fresno.gov/water

Date _____

Account Information

Please print clearly

Fresno City Utility Billing Account # _____

Note: Copy of most recent City of Fresno Utility Bill must be included with this application.

Account Name _____

Account Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Attention: Renters and Tenants: Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager.
Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above) _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Building Information (Installation Address)

Building Type (X Select):

____ Multi-Family Apt/Duplex
____ Single Family home ____ PUD ____ Condo ____ Mobile Home ____ HOA Shared billing account
____ Commercial ____ Industrial ____ Institutional

Number of: People in selected unit _____ Selected unit # (if applies) _____ Site Name (if applies) _____

SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLER REBATE

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Location: Front _____ Back _____ Side _____ Other _____

Approximate square feet of property _____ Brand of Soil Moisture Sensor _____

Model _____ Current brand/model of Irrigation Controller _____

Date installed _____

Rebate Information

How did you learn about this rebate? _____

Would you have purchased a Soil Moisture Sensor at this time if this rebate was not being offered? Yes___ No___

Inspection and Documentation**DOCUMENTATION:**

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.
- Copy of receipt must accompany application..
- Compliance with Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Guidelines and Conditions is required.
- A second on-site inspection at the address shown on the City of Fresno utility bill may be required.

Agreement of Terms and Conditions

City of Fresno may deny any application that does not meet program requirements which can be obtained by calling (559) 621-5480. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time without prior notice. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Complete, sign, and date this page. Attach proof of purchase before mailing. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.

TRACKING # _____

For Official Use Only

Application: Approved ___ Denied ___ Reviewed by _____

Reason for Denial _____

Approved by: _____ Comments: _____

Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Controller _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____

Date to Accounting _____ Amount of Rebate: _____

ACCOUNTING: Rebate Check sent : Date _____ By _____ Voucher No. _____